

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ecker, *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/660,998 Group No.: 1637
Filed: 09/12/03 Examiner: S. Chunduru
Entitled: **Methods For Rapid Forensic Analysis of Mitochondrial DNA and Characterization of Mitochondrial DNA Heteroplasmy**

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 7, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner:

The following communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 7, 2007, due on or before November 7, 2007. Applicants file herein a Request for Continued Examination, together with the appropriate fee. Applicants believe that no additional fee is due at this time. The Commissioner is, however, hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Attorney Deposit Account No. 50-4302, referencing Attorney Docket No.: ISIS-10468.

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